

Town of Mansfield—4 Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting – June 7, 2011

Present: Rawn (acting chair), Plante, Ferrigno, Reich, Hart, Paulhus, Tussing, Hultgren (staff), Painter (staff), vanZelm (Downtown Partnership), Coite (UConn), Wester (Weston & Sampson), Sebonik, (guest), Savino (press)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by acting chair Rawn.

The minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Paulhus/Hart

Rawn was elected chairperson to succeed Nesbitt who submitted his resignation at the May meeting..

Chris Wester of Weston and Sampson updated the committee on their work to date on the design of the pump station. He said that they had recalculated the start-up and full-build out flows and they checked reasonably well with the numbers in the facilities plan. He submitted a technical memorandum to the Town staff summarizing this. He said that work can begin to check-out the recommended pump station site soon. During the discussion that followed it was noted that part of the UConn Technology Park could actually flow towards the Town's pump station and this additional flow may need to be planned for in the pump station. Staff will try to determine this in the near future.

Hultgren, Hart and Coite reported that the Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) that will be required for the water source to supply UConn and the 4 Corners is now being scoped under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act and comments can be made until July 28th. A public scoping session will be held from 7 to 9 pm on June 28th in the UConn Student Union building. Several members will attend this session and a special meeting of the committee was scheduled for June 30th so that there would be time for submitting comments on the scope of the EIE prior to the July 7th deadline. Coite outline what was in the draft scope of the evaluation, and said it should take about 10 months to complete the EIE. In discussing the scope, other potential well sites in the Mansfield Hollow area were discussed. Staff will check the previous water supply studies to see if these areas had been analyzed previously.

Hultgren said he would be getting a price from Environmental Partners for small-diameter borings on potential well sites that could be used in the EIE. Depending on this price, more than one site could have this done and the data used in the EIE. Large diameter test well work will be put on hold until after the EIE is completed.

Hultgren and Hart reported that the Tech Park bill which includes funds for water supply for the UConn and areas of the Town had been passed by the state legislature. They said that Senator Williams had said that he will assist in keeping this project moving forward quickly through the state's review agencies.

Painter and the attending PZC members reported that the design guidelines for the 4 Corners area were through the hearing and review processes and will be adopted by the PZC shortly.

Painter circulated a draft of a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant application that staff had prepared for approval by the Town Council prior to the late June deadline. After discussion a letter of support for the application from the chairman of the committee was authorized. Staff will circulate a draft of this letter ASAP so that it can be submitted in the Council's next meeting packet.

Reich informed committee members of a Soil and Water Conservation Service stormwater workshop to be held on June 16th to discuss the TMDL study of the Eagleville Brook and other related stormwater treatment/handling methods. The cost is \$55 which includes field viewings and lunch.

The next meeting was set for 7 PM, June 30th at which time committee comments on the draft scope for the water supply EIE will be formulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM on a motion by Plante/Ferrigno.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works